



**County Administrative Office**  
**Governmental & Legislative Affairs**

**Josh Candelaria**  
Director

April 10, 2017

The Honorable Ed Chau  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 347 (Chau) – as Introduced on February 8, 2017 – **SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblyman Chau:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support AB 347, legislation that would extend by three years the existing county authority to charge fees to recover the costs of the county sealer.

County sealers are required to inspect and test devices for weights and measures and to weigh or measure certain items to determine whether or not the amount represented is accurate. Under current law, boards of supervisors are authorized to enact ordinances to charge fees to recover the cost of this work. Additionally, the Secretary of Food and Agriculture is required to establish an annual administrative fee to recover reasonable administrative and enforcement costs incurred by the Department of Food and Agriculture for oversight work; the administrative fee is collected for every device registered with each county's office of weights and measures. However, these provisions are set to expire on January 1, 2019.

AB 347 would extend the fee authority until January 1, 2022. Extending the existing authority to recover the costs associated with this important work will ensure that county sealers can continue to perform to the highest standard.

For these reasons, the County of San Bernardino is pleased to support AB 347. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or [jcandelaria@sbcounty.gov](mailto:jcandelaria@sbcounty.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Lovingood".

Robert Lovingood  
First District Supervisors  
Chairman, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors

c: San Bernardino County Legislative Delegation

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